MetroNorth has begun a three-prong campaign to assist our members. We represent businesses and organizations of all types and sizes, and we know this pandemic has impacted you at different times and in different ways. Therefore, we have three simultaneous plans of action:

- We are focused on helping our members find financial and other types of RELIEF through connecting you to resources like available local, state, and federal grants and loans. We have also been working with various units of government to find relief in such ways as temporary signage options, tax and fee changes/deferrals, etc.
- We are focused on helping our members safely and timely RE-OPEN. We have partnered with the MN Retailers Association on re-opening main street retailers; see more information below on this advocacy effort. We have been participating in roundtables with Commissioner Steve Grove and Governor Walz to advocate for the safe and timely reopening of ‘non-essential’ businesses. We are also curating best practices and checklists on health and safety guidelines, etc.
- We are focused on helping our members RECOVER: providing resources for short and long-term recovery needs - marketing, employee engagement, customer re-acquisition, ‘new normal’ practices, etc. We know ‘recovery’ is not going to be a short-term process. Therefore, a MetroNorth Business Recovery Committee is being established to ensure we stay the forefront of what members need to successfully stay in business under whatever this ‘next normal’ will be.

We have a dedicated website page for resources and will continue to update members via our e-newsletters and other mediums. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time as to how we can be your resource and advocate.

The MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the MN Retailers Association in a thoughtful plan to help safely re-open businesses. “Our success in defeating COVID-19 and restoring Minnesota’s economy depends on balancing public health & economic health.”

Some of the action items include:
- Make all organizations impacted by COVID-19 eligible for the State DEED Emergency Loan Program
- Delay May 15 business property tax payments
- Extend and increase funds for the Federal Paycheck Protection Program
- Open up curbside shopping and delivery so main street retailers can generate some cash flow
- Take action to expand widespread COVID-19 antibody testing and tracing critical to getting Minnesotans back to work

Visit our website, metronorthchamber.org, for the full plan.

Before Zoom became a household name, the MetroNorth Chamber had started a subscription so that your Board and Committees could more easily connect when a face to face meeting wasn’t an option for everyone. Little did we know how fortuitous it would be to have a handle on this platform.

Since mid-March, your Chamber has moved ALL of its Board, Committee, Orientation, Sunrise, and Working with Women meeting to Zoom. We also conducted an after-hours, the Blaine Business Council, and Marketing 201 via Zoom. Businesses have told us how much they appreciate the chance to stay connected, build relationships, and gain business-building information during these times, so we will continue this platform until we can once again meet in person. Which, of course, we are all looking forward to...there’s nothing like in-person opportunities to build relationships and build business.
Members Helping Others

The past few weeks (weeks? It feels like years!) have been incredibly difficult. But at the same time, even amidst the hardships and struggles, we have been blown away by how our members have responded to the community. From donating to local nonprofits, to sewing masks to re-tooling machines, to making PPE for front line workers...the contributions have been amazing. Awe-inspiring, in fact.

We have been honored to post these contributions on our dedicated Facebook page, MetroNorth Cares. And, people are responding in a wonderful way to these posts...some receiving thousands of views. Therefore, please continue to send us information on what you are doing. We know you are not doing this for self-promotion, but we feel it is important to publicize just how amazing our business community is!

If you are interested in joining a committee or learning more, contact the Chamber. We'd love to hear from you!
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Ribbon Cuttings

Ambassador of the Month
February
Karissa Isakson,
Wrap 1 Signs & Graphics

March
Amy Weber De-Raad,
Mary Kay

Upcoming Events

Small Business Revolution
Tuesday, July 14, 2020: NEW DATE!
11:30 am, TPC Twin Cities

Your keynote speaker is Amanda Brinkman; creator, producer and host of the hit series “Small Business Revolution – Main Street,” which was named among Inc. Magazine’s top shows for entrepreneurs. In the inspirational reality show, Amanda showcases her love for small towns by spearheading efforts to revitalize entire communities and providing makeovers to small businesses across America. She demonstrates how both companies and individuals can make a meaningful and positive difference in people’s lives, while increasing their own success in the process. It is her passionate belief that companies must identify their brands purpose, but they cannot stop there, they must find their unique brand action. Registration at 11:30 am, program from 12-1:15 pm. $25/$185 table.

32nd Annual Golf Tournament
Thursday, August 13, 2020: NEW DATE!
11 am Shotgun, Majestic Oaks

Collective signs of relief and excitement went around the state in late April when golf courses reopened. We’ve enjoyed the photos of members safely enjoying a round of golf. On that note, we are pleased to announce that our 32nd Annual Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for Thursday, Aug 13 at Majestic Oaks. We hope you will participate in some fashion. As a nonprofit who runs lean & mean in normal times, this event is critical for our organization to continue to offer a high level of service like we are doing for you today. We appreciate your consideration & support at any level.

As an incentive to register early, the first 18 confirmed bundles (a foursome and a hole sponsorship) receive $40 off registration. Interested in sponsorship? The first 18 confirmed hole sponsors are guaranteed a table, chair, and golf cart. PLUS, the first 18 paid sponsors will be entered into a drawing for a $600 marketing package! Thank you, title sponsor Financial One Credit Union.

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March & April Renewals: Thanks for Your Continued Support!

Blaine Brothers
Buffalo Wild Wings (Blaine & Coon
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Certified Appraisal Services
City of Andover
Crystal House Boutique
Cub Foods - Blaine South
Disabled American Veterans - Anoka #39
Edgewood Senior Living
Freedom Cleaning Services
Hakanson Anderson
Lynx FBO Network
Majestic Oaks Golf Course
Nelson Cheese & Deli
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Paladin Career & Technical High School
Pavement Resources
Royal Credit Union
SBM Fire Department
The Bank of Elk River - Main Street
TitleSmart, Inc.
UrbanAir Adventure Park
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Nancy Jorgensen- Coldwell Banker Realty
A-Team Construction
Walmart - Blaine West
Hubbard Radio
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Millennium Management Services
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Velocity Public Affairs
Hamel Development LLC
MidwestOne Bank
Re/Max Advantage Plus Debbie Rudnitski
Millers Cross Roads Association
Total Health & Healing Center
Kwik Trip (Andover, Anoka, Blaine Central, Frasier, Lake, Radisson, Ulysses and Coon Rapids)
Anoka County Commissioner- Scott Schulte
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February
Sue Morrisette
Burnet Title
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